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Dear Sir:

In the Specification:

Page 1, please cancel lines 7 and 8 and insert therefore the following: --This patent application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/240,473 filed February 1, 1999, which was a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/866,650 filed May 30, 1997 issued August 17, 1999 as Patent No. 5,939,321, which claimed benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/018,684 filed May 30, 1996.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 as originally filed in Application Serial No. 08/866,650 and add new Claim 9:

9. A method for accelerating a developmental or homeostatic process in a target tissue of an animal, the method comprising the step of:

administering into a suitable host cell a polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:5 so that the host cell produces the polypeptide; and

delivering the host cell to the target tissue of the animal in an amount effective to accelerate a developmental or homeostatic process.

REMARKS

Original Claims 1-8 were prosecuted in Application Serial Number 08/866,650. By Preliminary Amendment in connection with Application Serial No. 09/240,473, Claims 9-11 were submitted. Claim 9-11 were subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 10 and 11 were prosecuted and, during the course of prosecution, additional Claims 12-19 were added.

This divisional application is filed to prosecute Claim 9 of the previous filing, resubmitted here as Claim 9. Consideration of this claim is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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